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**IMPACT SWEA**  
**electron measurements**  
**and the temporal evolution**  
**of the solar wind**

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# SWEA core density proxy

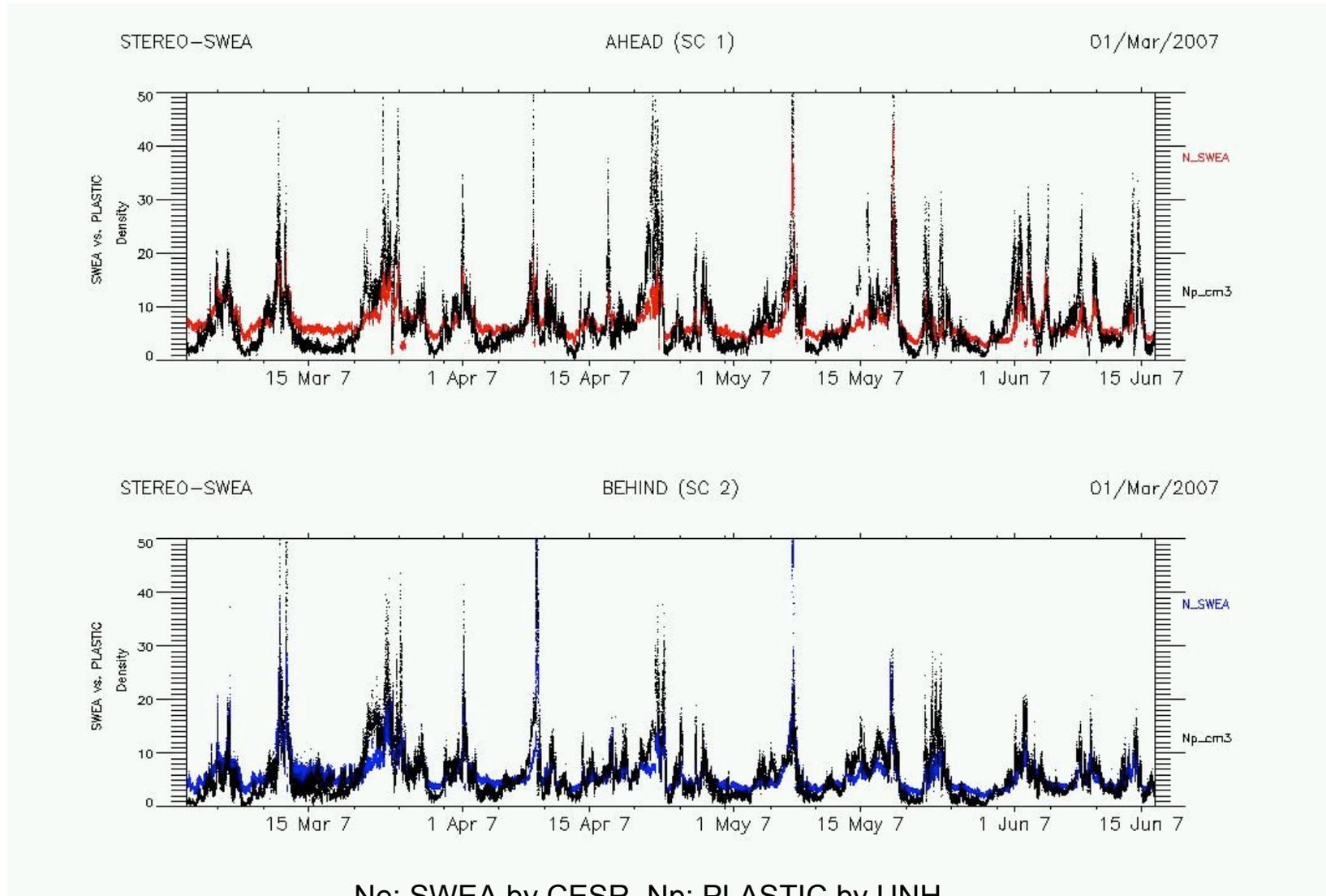
SWEA status reported by J-A. Sauvaud and J. Luhmann

- High energy excellent measurements: PADs, Q, etc.
  - ☞ SWEA data available at <http://stereo.cesr.fr>
- Low energy solar wind electrons suppressed < 45 eV
  - ☞ No core distribution

SW electron core reconstruction from secondary electrons

- Secondaries produced in instrument are unveiled
  - Secondaries depend on density of SW electrons arriving on SWEA
    - ☞ Derive SW electron density proxy from secondary electrons
- Fedorov, Opitz, Sauvaud et al. 2010 submitted at SSR*

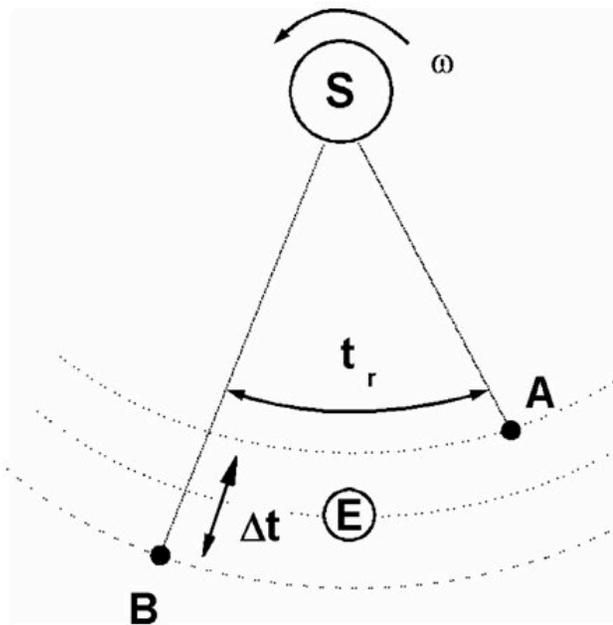
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# STEREO timelag

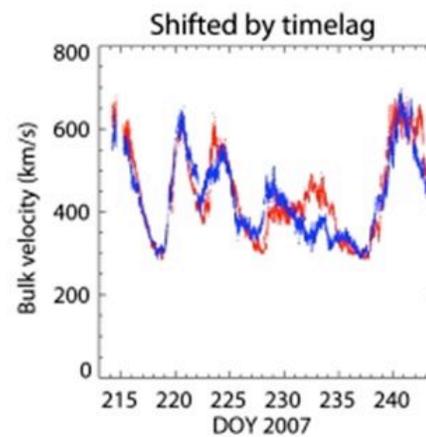
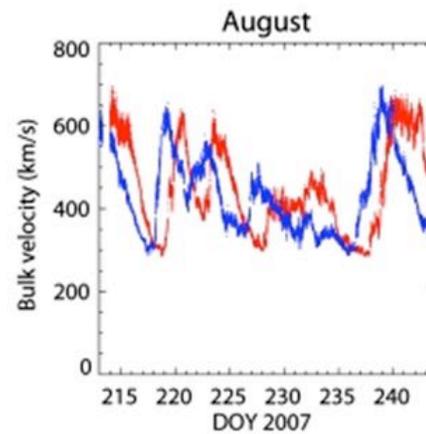
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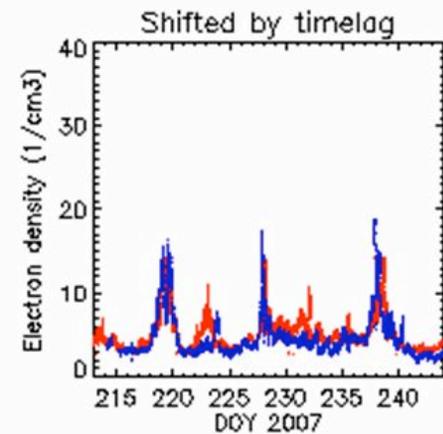
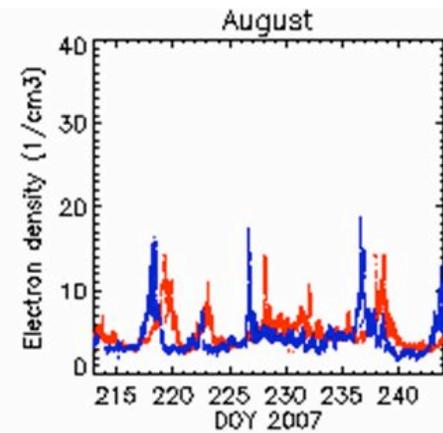


Opitz et al. 2009, SolPhys

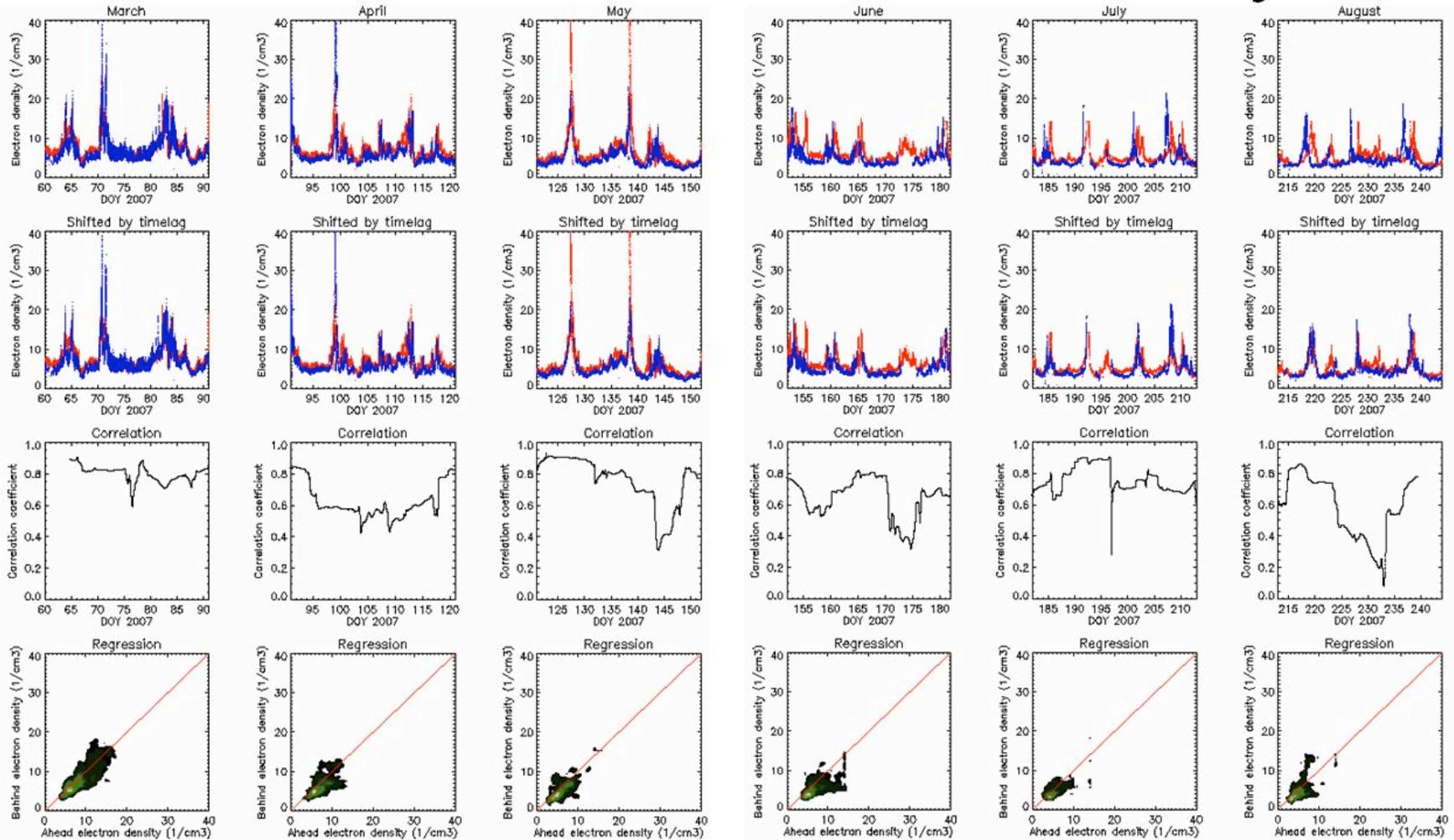
PLASTIC velocity



SWEA density



# SWEA electron core density



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# Temporal evolution of the solar wind

Opitz et al. 2009a, Solar Physics

PLASTIC velocity  $\Rightarrow$

0.5 day:  $\sim 0.95$

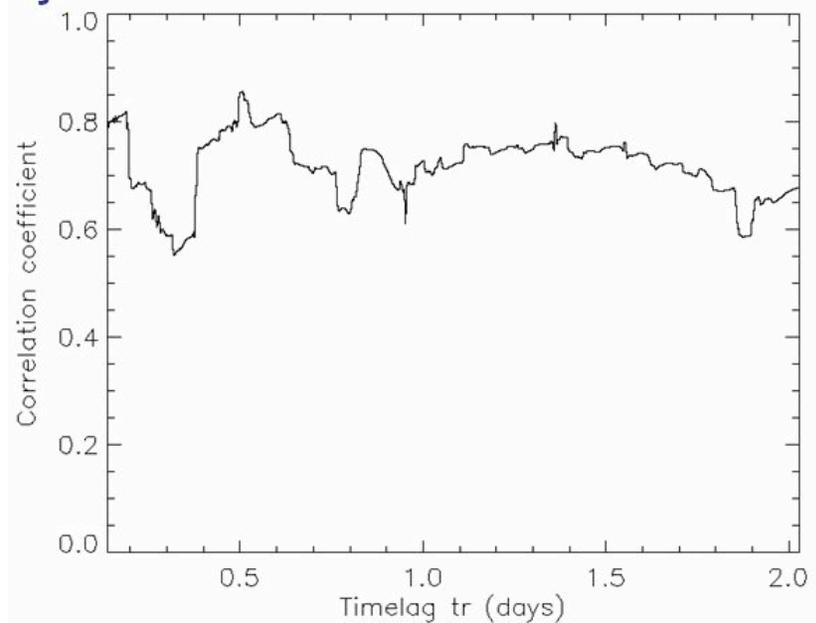
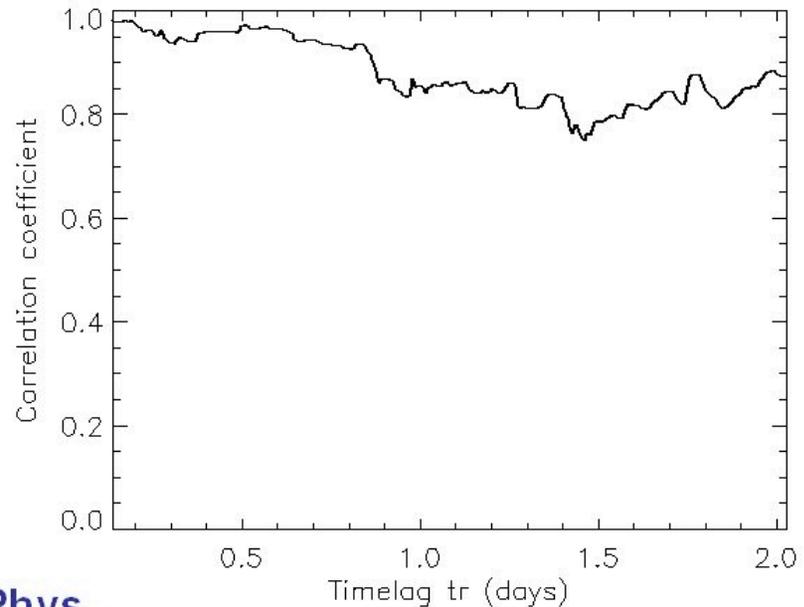
2 days:  $\sim 0.85$

Opitz et al. 2010a, submitted at Sol. Phys.

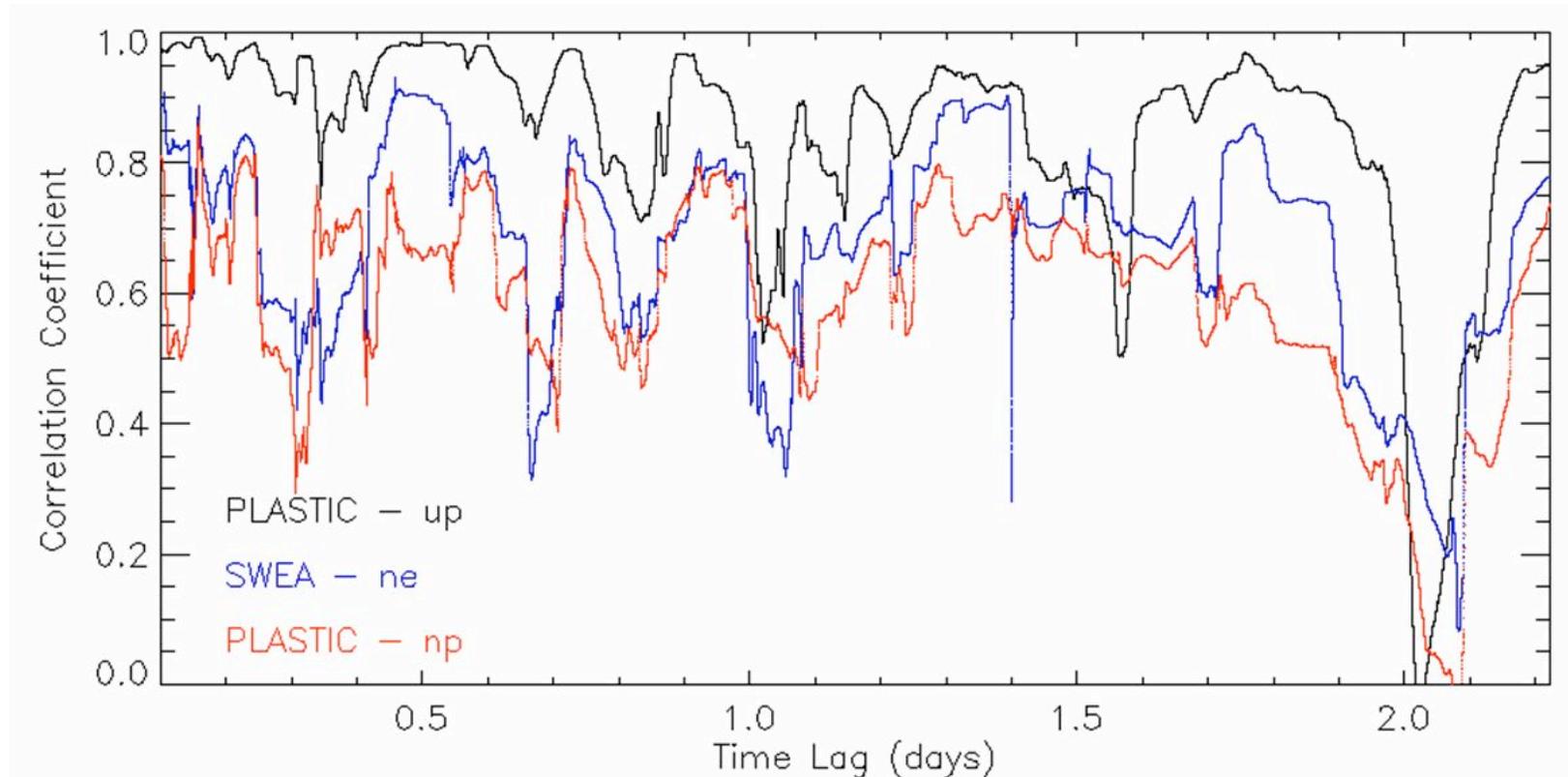
SWEA density  $\Rightarrow$

0.5 day:  $\sim 0.80$

2 days:  $\sim 0.65$



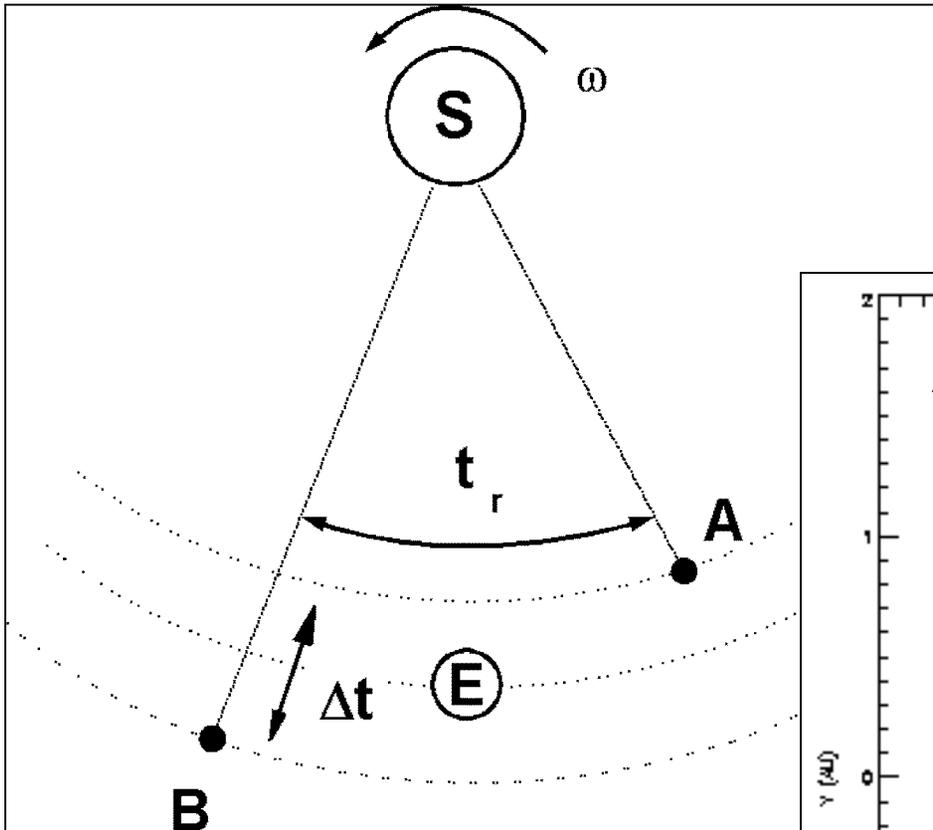
# SW temporal evolution



Up: PLASTIC by UoBe, Ne: SWEA by CESR, Np: PLASTIC by UNH

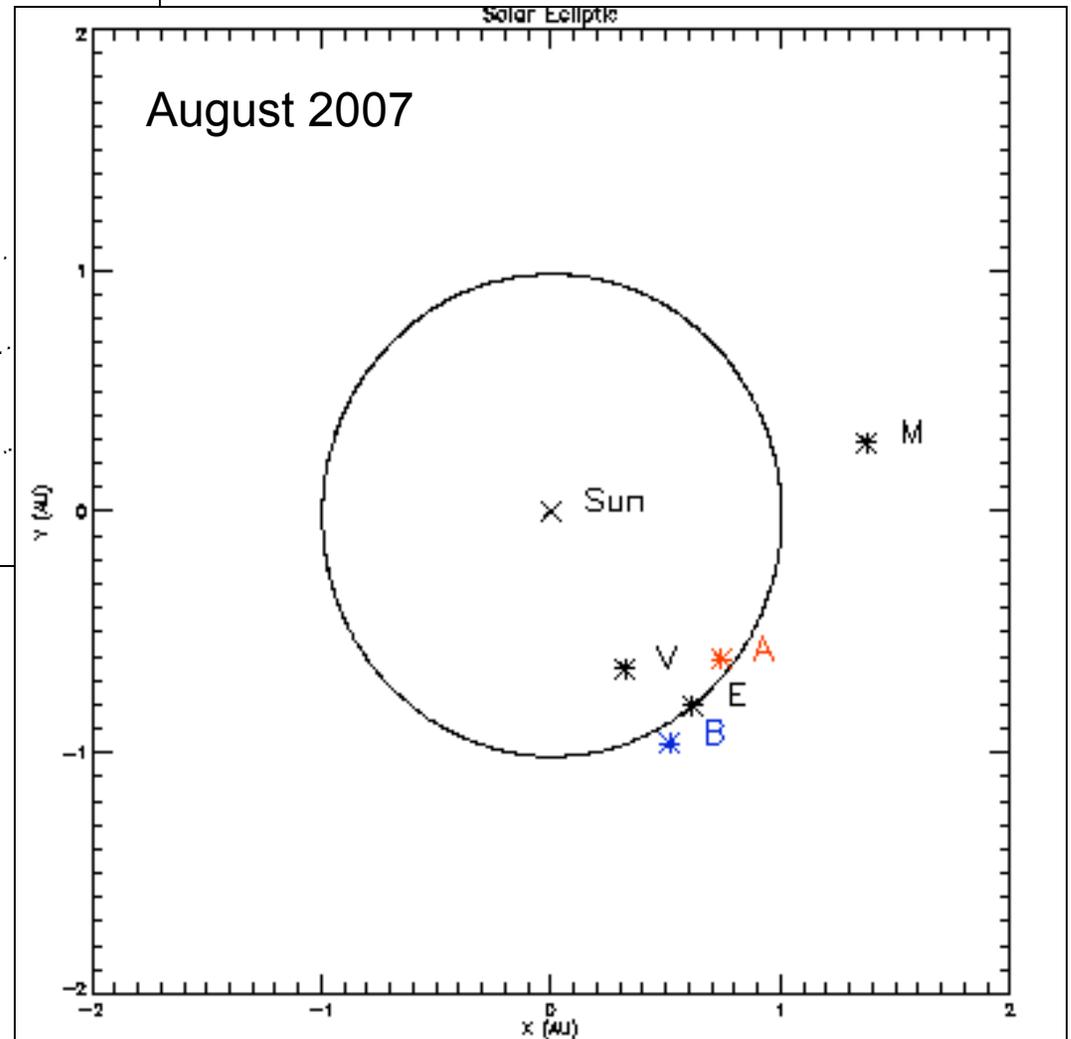
from results by Opitz et al. 2009 SolPhys and Opitz et al. 2010a, submitted at SolPhys

# SW prediction for heliosphere



Opitz et al. 2009, SolPhys

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